

Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for receiving an audiovisual program, wherein the apparatus comprises:

- a first connector for communication with a master apparatus, said first connector comprising an electrical coupling for the reception of a supply voltage from a master apparatus;

- at least one second connector for communication with a peripheral apparatus;

- a switching circuit comprising ~~at least a pin connected to at least a input/output pin of a controller, at least a pin connected to the first and at least a pin connected to the second connector, so that either the first connector is linked to the controller, or the second connector is linked to the controller,~~ a first pin connected to said first connector, a second pin connected to said at least one second connector and a third pin connected to an input/output pin of a controller, such that said controller is linked to one of said first connector and said at least one second connector;

- means for detecting the presence of the supply voltage on the first connector, the means for detecting ~~for switching the apparatus to~~ triggering a master mode of operation of the apparatus in relation to the peripheral apparatus in the case of the absence of the voltage, and to a slave mode of operation in relation to the master apparatus when the voltage is present, wherein the means for detecting the presence of the supply voltage controls the switching circuit for permitting communication either between the apparatus and the peripheral apparatus connected via the second connector in the case of an absence of the supply voltage or between the apparatus and the master apparatus when said supply voltage is present.

2. (Previously Presented) The apparatus for receiving an audiovisual program according to Claim 1, wherein the first connector is a B type USB connector and each second connector is an A type USB connector.

3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus for receiving an audiovisual program according to Claim 1, wherein the switching circuit comprises two first inputs/output pins each linked to respective ones of two input/output pins of a controller managing the bidirectional transfer of data between the first connector or the second connector and a so-called main microprocessor of the apparatus, the switching circuit also comprises two second inputs/outputs and two third inputs/outputs allowing the connection of the first and second connector.
4. (Previously Presented) The apparatus for receiving an audiovisual program according to Claim 3, wherein the means of detection are linked, firstly to a specific input of the switching circuit, secondly to an input of the controller and thirdly to an input of the main microprocessor.
5. (Previously Presented) The apparatus for receiving an audiovisual program according to Claim 1, wherein the master apparatus is a personal computer and the apparatus comprises a digital decoder connected to the communication network so as to allow the computer to communicate with said network.
6. (Previously Presented) The apparatus for receiving an audiovisual program according to Claim 3, wherein the means of detecting comprise a line transmitting either the supply voltage appearing on the first connector, or a signal representative of the appearance of the supply voltage on the first connector, to the switching circuit, the controller and the main microprocessor.
7. (Previously Presented) The apparatus for receiving an audiovisual program according to claim 1, wherein the peripheral is linked to the second connector of the apparatus by way of a splitter.